

Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd

Minutes of the board meeting 21 August 2003, Words In Time, 1st Floor/484 William Street, North Melbourne

Present: Tony O'Shea, N. Black and David Griffiths

Apologies: John Luckman, Graeme Charles, David Dinning.

1. Absence of quorum

It was noted that there was not a quorum and it was noted that David Griffiths was automatically co-opted as a Director for the duration of a meeting in the absence of a quorum.

The Secretary and Chairman advised that after careful analysis of the Rules and the Co-operatives Act it was possible for CFV to legally function with a quorum of three.

2. Decisions of previous meeting

The Secretary advised that in a postal ballot three of four directors had voted in support of the decisions at the meeting of 19 June 2003 and, therefore, the decisions were legally determined as required under the Co-operatives Act.

3. John Luckman

It was noted that the Secretary would attempt to ascertain John Luckman's situation.

4. Minutes

Resolved that the Chairman sign the minutes of 19 June 2003 as a true and accurate record.

5. Chairman's Report

Board Vacancies

The Chairman reported that there had been no progress.

Greater Melbourne Chapter

The Chairman reported that he and David Dinning attended a meeting of the Chapter on Monday, 11th August, 2003.

He reported that he had distributed CPS and Our Energy brochures to the participants.

He said he would follow-up with the Chairman of the Chapter, Gary Oliver

Ministerial Adviser

The Chairman reported on his meeting with the Ministerial Adviser, Jacki Willox on 30th July, 2003, and he had raised various – access to names and addresses of registered co-operatives including new co-operatives, a meeting with the Minister, a regular contribution to australia.coop and an interview with the

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Minister for australia.coop.

He said if he did not hear from the Jacki within two weeks that he would follow-up.

Member Visits

The Chairman reported that there had been no further member visits. He was expecting to hear from Terang Co-op re a suitable date.

6. Secretary's Report

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The Secretary provided update statistics for 21 August 2003.

He advised that a 2nd Edition of The Co-op Dictionary: A to Z of Co-operation was in preparation.

He reported that he had commissioned the preparation of an online survey that could be used on australia.coop at regular intervals and the creation of a user id/password protected area for australia.coop

FAO

That the letter to the Australian Government about FAO be endorsed.

ACCORD

That the ACCORD proposal for a Victorian State of the Sector report be supported provided there is appropriate involvement of CFV.

Charities Bill Submission

That the Charities Bill Submission be endorsed with amendments to express our concern that the Bill was attempting to limit democratic rights.

Social Capital Submission

That the Social Capital submission to the Productivity Commission be endorsed.

NETC

That the NETC Community Networking Conference proposal be endorsed as proposed.

That Graeme Charles be accepted as the new delegate for the North East Telecommunications Co-operative Ltd.

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Membership Renewals

The Secretary reported that notices were going out and that Murray Goulburn Co-operative Co Ltd had already renewed its membership for 2003-4.

Audit

The Secretary reported that the Audit process had commenced.

Victorian Co-operative News

The Secretary reported on the survey with a total of 10 respondents:

australia.coop only 6
australia.coop and vcn 4

That the Victorian Co-operative News continue to be published provided the quality of australia.coop does not diminish.

7. Co-operative Education and Training

It was noted that Graeme Charles had left for overseas and would not return until early in 2004.

8. AGM

As Returning Officer David Griffiths reported that there had been one nomination for the board and he advised that Graeme Charles was now a director as from the AGM.

9. CBAV

It was agreed to seek funding of \$25,000 from CBAV for co-operative education (\$10,000) and australia.coop development (\$15,000)

10. Gary Lewis

The Secretary reported that it was necessary to move on Gary Lewis' book.

He reported that he had engaged a person on a casual basis to contact co-operatives to ascertain the existence of co-operative histories and photographs. He said that these could be used for the book and/or for australia.coop

11. Next Meeting

10.30 am, date to be determined, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

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